

**WEST COAST OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BASKETBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**



Meeting Date: October 28, 2025
Type of Meeting Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting Link
Present: Eric Sperbeck, Jerome Smith, Rodney Dickerson, Mark Olson, Romero Green, Julia Gonzalez, Richard Miller, Nolan Padgett Sr., Josh Saunders,
Absent:

- I. The meeting with the board was called to order by Eric.
- I. Summer Clinic Details:
 - a. Eric emailed the clinic agenda to the board for feedback and comments.
 - b. We had 37 people sign up on the website to be evaluated. The Evaluation Committee felt it was appropriate to evaluate everyone that signed up.
 - c. Eric received clarification that 4 outside contacts will be participating at the camp.
 - d. Julia confirmed that the Hospitality Committee is ready for the camp.
 - e. Jerome confirmed that clock training is in motion and will be ready for the camp. We will have clock operators on each court. Nolan expressed that there are more private schools that want to use the shot clock for their games and asked Jerome to ensure we have trained ECO's with shot clock.
 - f. Julia reminded Jerome that ECO's are required to have JLA background credentials to participate. The JLA background credentials will be an increased focus for admittance to games.
- II. Rankings and Playoff Crews:
 - a. Eric reminded the board that rankings of officials were previously addressed.
 - b. Playoff crew criteria needs to be confirmed and addressed.
 - c. Discussion was made on how many games an official should work to be eligible for a playoff crew. It was agreed that to be eligible to work a playoff crew, a member must work a minimum of 12 games through the association.
 - d. It was decided that WCOA must be your primary association to be eligible for a playoff crew through our association.

- e. The Assigner, Nolan Padgett, expressed that he is committed to making every attempt to get assignments out as soon as possible.
- f. Eric confirmed that crews submitted to FHSAA are always subject to reasonable change.
- g. Eric requested feedback on the current criteria for top two playoff crews.
 - i. Currently, if an official worked at a Regional Final game, the member wouldn't be assigned to the top two playoff crew the next year. Julia requested to review the officials that worked on the Regional Final game. Eric said he would email Julia.
 - ii. Rodney expressed that WCOA should send their best officials to FHSAA and not be punitive for officials that remain skilled.
 - iii. Eric stated that we can send a playoff list instead of playoff crews.
 - iv. To address the concerns about not sending the best officials to playoffs, Richard recommended consideration for 8 crews instead of 13 crews.
 - v. The board approved elimination of the repeat Regional Final game and top two playoff crew criteria. Moving forward, an official in the top two playoff crew can be assigned to the top two playoff crew in back-to-back seasons.
 - vi. Current playoff crew criteria states that members of the Playoff Committee cannot be one of the top two playoff crews. Eric asked for feedback on this practice.
- h. The board agrees that the following criteria/guidelines must also be met to be on a playoff crew:
 - i. Must be in good standing with FHSAA and WCOA with no suspensions.
 - ii. Must be a 1 or 2 ranked official.
 - iii. Must have a passing score of 90% or greater on the FHSAA test to qualify for the top 6 playoff crews. Must have a passing score of 80% or greater to qualify for a playoff crew below 6.
 - iv. Attendance at summer or clinic will have weight. With consideration given for excused absences.
 - v. Must attend the majority of WCOA meetings.
- i. Julia said that she would send member names to Nolan who don't have JLA cards and appropriate background checks. Nolan confirmed that he will update Arbiter accordingly.

Eric adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

First Sunday of each month.

PREPARED BY:

Steve Lanham, Secretary